



DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, October 9, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 9, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne State University Police Department, 6050 Cass in Detroit, Michigan.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie
Erminia Ramirez
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

Chief James Barren
AC Ronald Fleming
DC Marshall Lyons
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson
DC Leo Powers
DC Jamie Fields
DC Marshall Lyons
DC John Clark
2nd DC James Tate
3rd DC Angela O-Bey-Young
Cmdr. Debra Fair
Cmdr. Kenny Williams
Cmdr. Debra Fair
Cmdr. Steven Dolunt
Cmdr. Linda Vertin-Peltier
Cmdr. John Serda
Cmdr. Jeffrey Romeo
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Director Deborah Robinson

Inp. Nick Kyriscon
Lt. Timothy Leach
Lt. Cynthia Williams
Sgt. Daran Carey
Sgt. Alan Quinn
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sgt. Erin Stephens-Bell
P.O. Elaine Frinkley
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Shannon Richardson

Insp. Catherine Tuttle
Lt. Fred Bowens
Lt. Randall Hampton
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid
Sgt. Rodney Cox
Sgt. Samuel Quick
P.O. Melvin Chunev
P.O. Damon Kimbrough
P.O. Dwight Featherstone
P.O. Peggy Conover

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
Lt. Daniel Allen
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Inv. Jeanise Monroe
Inv. Roslyn Banks
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Sandra Hines
LaWanda Hail-Ruffin
Yolanda McCants
Femore Williams
Pat White
Mark Hanskneet
Yolanda Joiner
Christine Davis
Leslie Malcolmson
Mary McKissic
Julie Semma
Vivian Teague
Marvin James
Earline Jones
Lori Rogers
Reggie Fluker
Rep. Fred Durhall, Jr.
WSU Police Chief Tony Holt

Tijuana Morris
Bridget Vance
Sandra Epps
Fred McCants
Olline McElroy
Joseph Weir
Dorothy Cleveland
Anthony Davis
Isaac Foster
Walter Conrad
Jack Seaman
Bruce Hertz
James Arnold
Sandra Hunt
Roy Rogers
Marcella Richardson
Elizabeth Johnson
Al Barlett
Herman Vallery

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:41 p.m. and asked Chief Holt of WSU Police Department to greet the citizens.

Chief Holt welcomed everyone to WSU Police Headquarters and introduced the WSU Executive President Andrea Dickson.

A. Dickson welcomed the Board and Detroit Police Chief Barren. She acknowledged the support and expertise that Chief Barren has given the WSU Police Department and wished him well as DPD Chief.

Comm. Hampton read the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, October 9, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, October 2, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 10/09/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Bias	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
4	CENTRAL				1		2			1	4
18	COMMUNICATIONS		7							15	22
4	EASTERN		2	2			2			1	7
1	NARCOTICS		1								1
4	NORTHEASTERN						3			1	4
12	NORTHWESTERN		5	1			4		1	5	16
6	SOUTHWESTERN	2	3			1	3			1	10
15	Unknown Command	1	4	3		1	5			4	18
2	VIOLENT CRIMES		1	1			2				4
4	WESTERN	1	1	1			3			2	8
70		4	24	8	1	2	24		1	30	94

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

Officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 8000 block of Indiana on a “Person with a Weapon” and arrested a subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Felonious Assault,” “Interfering with a Crime Report,” and two counts of “Domestic Violence.”

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, October 16, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Central District	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Investigative Operations	2	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
Western District	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850

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Police / Community Intervention

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Northwestern District

On October 2nd, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the area of Schaefer and W. McNichols on a "Person Being Carjacked." Due to the officers' quick response and investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Murder," "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," "Felonious Assault," "Felon in Possession," "Felony Firearm," and "Habitual 3rd." A weapon was recovered.



Southwestern District

While on routine patrol, officers of the Southwestern District were investigating shots heard in the area of Regular and Infantry, when they observed a suspect armed with a shotgun, flee on foot. As a result of the officers' investigation, the subject was arrested the following day and charged with "Robbery Armed," "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder," "Home Invasion," and "Felony Firearm." Stolen property was recovered.



Investigative Operations

On October 5th, officers of the Auto Theft conspiracy/Surveillance Team were given information of a suspected chop shop in the 14000 block of Chapel. As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Operating a Chop Shop," and 4 counts of "Receiving & Concealing a Stolen Motor Vehicle." One of the subjects was also charged with "Habitual 4th."



Western District

On October 1st, officers of the Western District were in the area of Davison and I-96 investigating a vehicle for traffic violations, when they observed a suspect with a handgun. The subject was arrested and charged with "Felon in Possession of Firearm," "Carrying a Concealed Weapon," "Felony Firearm," "Motor Vehicle Advisory," and "Habitual 2nd." The handgun was confiscated.

Chief Barren thanked everyone for being present and stated that he supports the directions that this Board wants the department to go in. He supports and men and women of the police department and pledged to make the community safe for all citizens.

He gave a brief overview of his initiatives such as going back to the precinct model and mini stations. He also spoke about his current organization chart and stated that additional changes are forthcoming.

He recognized all of the sworn staff members that were present.

Comm. Hampton asked the Chief if moving to the precinct model will improve response time.

Chief Barren stated if he is able to open the building that he has in mind, he believes it will.

Comm. Ramirez asked to know how the locations for the mini stations were picked.

Chief Barren stated some were based on great locations and some were based on economics.

Comm. Griffin asked what is the one single most important thing this Board can assist him with.

Chief Barren stated it would be helpful if the Board and his office can continue to share information openly.

CIVIL RIGHTS: DIRECTIVE: 203.13-Electronic Recording
305.9-Fingerprinting
401.13-MAS

Cmdr. Romeo gave an overview of the Manual Directive 203.13-Electronic Recording, 305.9-Fingerprinting, and Manual Directive 401.13-Management Awareness System as it relates to the Procedures and Consent Decree. The directives have been posted in the community for the public to view. He stated directive 203.13 wasn't posted because of some confidential material.

Comm. Ramirez stated for clarification you are presenting this to the Board and in two weeks you will return to see if there are any citizen concerns regarding these directives.

She asked Cmdr. Romeo to read 305.9 -3.2 Fingerprinting to the audience.

Cmdr. Romeo read "When a detainee is discharged without a final charge being filed, it shall be the responsibility of the member discharging the detainee to ensure that the detainee receives a copy of the Arrest Records Return Information Form (DPD 191). This form notifies the detainee that their fingerprints and other records may be recovered after 30 days by applying for them, in person at Identification. For a detainee found not guilty after a trial, the court is responsible for providing the detainee an order, directing Identification to release the detainee's fingerprints and arrest records".

Comm. Hampton asked what percentage of the fingerprints records have been returned to the detainees because most of the citizens aren't aware that they can get them.

Cmdr. Romeo stated a person usually finds out when they are trying to get a police clearance.

Comm. Ramirez stated the department needs to make this known through the city wide community relations councils.

Cmdr. Romeo stated he will make sure that happens.

Comm. Hampton asked if a citizen doesn't ask for them, does the department maintain them for a period of time.

Cmdr. Romeo stated yes they maintain them, and he isn't sure about the time frame.

Chairperson Holley asked Comm. Ramirez if she would give the citizens a brief overview of the Consent Decree.

Comm. Ramirez asked DC Fields if he could speak on that issue.

DC Fields stated in 2003 the City, Police Department, and United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) entered into a Consent Decree. There are two Consent Decrees, Prisoner Processing and Use of Force. The Office of Civil Rights is charged with being the liaison along with every other member to comply with the Consent Decrees.

Chairperson Holley asked the Chief if he can speak to the issue regarding the Crime Lab.

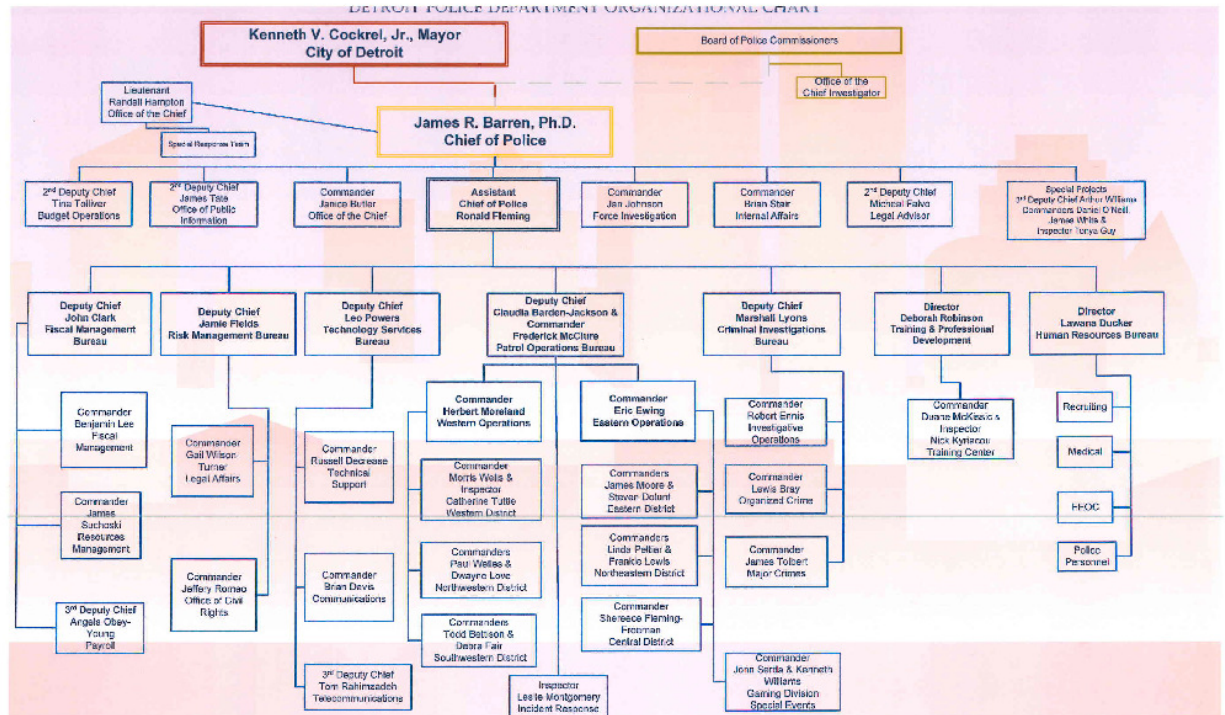
Chief Barren stated currently the crime lab is only doing collections. All evidence that has to be analyzed is being turned over to the State Police. They are trying to work out the details to see if the State will gain control of it as they wait on a final audit.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Detroit Police Department Organization Chart



MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to accept the Organization Chart.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Ramirez asked about the status of the towing contract and will DC Clark be meeting with the towers anytime soon.

DC Clark stated he plans to meet with the Chief to give him a recommended plan regarding the towing. As of today, everything remains status quo.

Chairperson Holley asked how soon would the recommendation be made.

DC Clark stated within the next 60 days. He stated they have been looking at some other options and keeping in mind that this Board has oversight.

Chairperson Holley stated the Board has been dealing with this for some time. He would like a member of this Board to have some input during the policy and procedure process. He believes that the Charter gives this Board some responsibility. He wants to have a meeting with the Mayor, City Council President, and the Chief to have some input regarding this matter.

DC Clark stated he echoed the Chief's comments earlier in communicating with the Board. He stated they appreciate all the help they can receive.

Chairperson Holley stated he appreciates him saying that on record. He asked Atty. Washington to make sure the Board is engaged in this process so that everyone is on the same page.

Comm. Okdie stated he doesn't mean to be argumentative, but he is a little confused. He stated he isn't sure what role he wants this body to play. He asks the Chairperson if he wants this Board to be on the design phase of the plan, or the approval phase of the plan. He thinks that it is the Board's purview to be consulted. He asks if he was looking for something more than that or in the planning phase.

Chairperson Holley stated he wants to be in the planning phase.

Comm. Ramirez stated that's right.

Comm. Okdie stated he isn't sure if they can. He thinks that is an administrative action. He thinks this body is more legislative.

Chairperson Holley stated he can appreciate that, and asked Atty. Washington to speak to this.

Atty. Washington stated she understands and can appreciate Comm. Okdie's concern and Chairperson Holley's desire to be involved in the planning. We have done extensive research and the Charter not only gives this Board permission, but mandates the authority.

Comm. Okdie asked to do what.

Atty. Washington stated to be involved in overseeing the rotation and some other pertinent parts that she can't mention. She stated this is not the forum to go into it. She stated it speaks very specifically.

Comm. Okdie asked if he could receive something in writing with regards to what the Board's purview is exactly. He's not argumentative, it's just that he does have a problem with regards to micro managing the affairs of the administrative which is the Chief's. He just wants to make sure that the Board is not stepping on the Chief's toes in this process. He is for collaborative work a thousand percent. He wants to make sure that the Board doesn't over step our purview.

Atty. Washington stated she absolutely understands that.

Comm. Okdie asked can you give me something in writing.

Atty. Washington stated there are a couple of memos and she can have something for him tomorrow.

Comm. Okdie stated thank you.

Atty. Washington stated if she understands that what he is looking to do is not to make the decision, but to be kept in the process.

Comm. Okdie stated absolutely.

Chairperson Holley stated to DC Clark in the words of engaging, that is what he would like to do.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 16, 2008
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

S. Hunt stated she has a concern with the staffing of the investigative unit. Three of her family members' cases have not been solved as of today.

Chief Barren stated he will get her information after the meeting.

S. Hunt stated she wants this to be resolved and she is tired of meeting with people. She is personally offering a \$1,000 reward to help solve her brother's case of a hit and run that left him a quadriplegic.

Chairperson Holley asked how can he help her tonight.

S. Hunt stated she would be willing to sit down with the Chief or the Commander.

Chairperson Holley asked for her to see the Commander and if there's no movement then she should come back before the Board.

T. Morris asked is there something in place that will distinguish who and what department the multi-task force officers are from.

Chief Barren stated that some of the operations are covert operations and not all of them are identifiable. When they do raids all of the uniforms are marked by what agency they represent.

D. Cleveland stated she still hasn't received the help that she was promised when she was here a month ago.

Chairperson Holley asked if the directive that was given wasn't followed.

D. Cleveland stated absolutely not. In 1991 she started the first community club in Detroit and she can't get any respect.

Chairperson Holley stated normally the Board's directives are followed. He asked Chief Investigator Sheard to assist her.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated that Inv. Monroe will take her complaint.

J. Seman stated that we all must do our part to stop the killing of our children.

L. Rogers stated there was an incident with her 14 year old son involving undercover police officers at a gas station. He was handcuffed and tossed around even though the store owner told them he was a good kid. She wants to find out who they are. L. Rogers stated her son said he will never trust a police officer again.

Comm. Ramirez asked for her to meet with Chief Inv. Sheard to give her complaint.

Chairperson Holley asked the Chief if he would meet with the young man and his family.

Chief Barren stated to Mrs. Rogers that this allegation will be followed through.

L. Rogers stated the video that the gas station had, has erased itself.

Comm. Hampton stated that's a good recommendation for the Chief to meet the young man. Perhaps for the good of the young man, the Chief could go to their home.

Comm. Griffin stated Comm. Hampton spoke his sentiment.

Comm. Okdie stated it is very difficult for this Board to listen to these kinds of stories.

B. Bryant asked if walking the beat can be in his neighborhood and hope something is done about Police Officer Eugene Brown.

I. Terry stated he's in the process of getting more funds for the weed and seed projects for his community.

C. Davis stated she and the other towers are here to help the department and make this a better City. They would love for the Chief to meet with them so he can hear their side of the story.

B. Smith asked the Chief if he will recruit more officers to patrol the neighborhoods. She stated there is a shortage of recruiters when it comes to passing the drug test.

H. Vallery stated to the Chief that he would like for him to look into the actions of Eugene Brown who killed his son.

State Rep. Durhall welcomed everyone to his district and mentioned that he will be fighting to get money back to this City.

Chairperson Holley stated he needs to have the residency reinstated for the City of Detroit Police Officers.

State Rep. Durhall stated he will be fighting to try and get that reinstated as well.

S. Weber asked if the support his neighborhood receives from Gaming can stay in tact to help with the drug and the gangs.

Dir. Ducker stated the department hired 54 new officers this past Monday. She also mentioned that none of the applicants have been disqualified for failing a drug screening.

Chairperson Holley stated to those who wish to speak that they will follow the two minute rule going forward.

R. Scott stated there are a number of officers who stated they will lift the blue wall of silence and hope that they will be protected. He stated that this Board has strict oversight of the police department by Charter.

T. Stidham stated he hopes this administration continues to involve the towers in the process. The towers are reluctant to invest more because they are currently working without an authorized contract.

J. Semma stated she just wants the rotation to be fair.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb